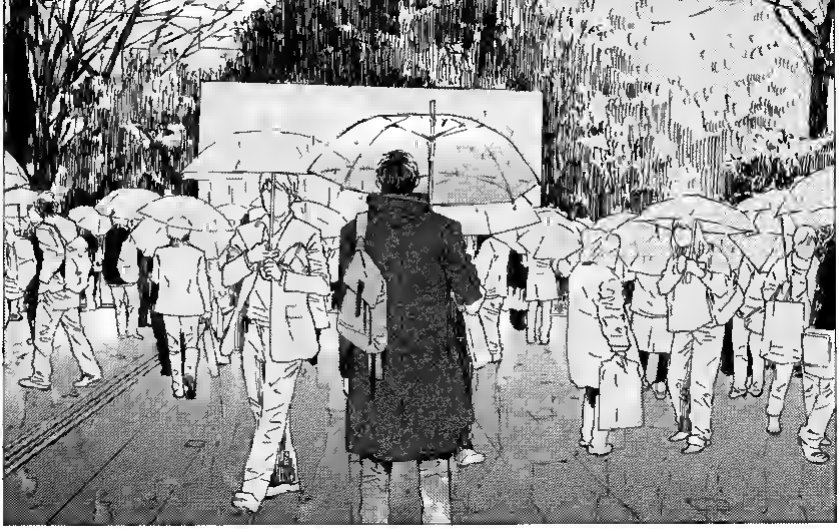
July's Crossroad

Haru Natsu series 07



Oil Painting

I failed.
THEN WHAT NOW?

YEAH...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, AKI?
ME?
IF YOU FAIL THIS YEAR AS WELL,
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO BACK HOME RIGHT?
MAYBE I'LL JUST GO TO VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.
MY PARENTS ARE NOT THAT FOND OF LETTING ME ATTEND PREP SCHOOL AND BE FAR AWAY FROM HOME LIKE THIS.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING THEY OPPOSE TO.
JUST NEED TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER DIRECTION.
BUT YEAH, HARU, TRY FOR ONE MORE YEAR.
EH?
YOU SAID THAT THIS YEAR YOU'D KEEP ON TRYING UNTIL THE VERY END RIGHT?

NO MATTER WHAT JUST DON'T REGRET WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED ON YOURSELF.

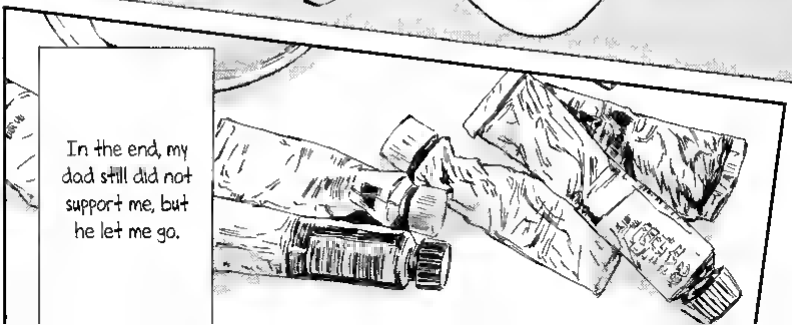
That may be one way to go.

A GOOD ONE ACTUALLY.

CONTINUE AT PREP SCHOOL FOR ONE MORE YEAR OR GO TO VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INSTEAD?
OR MAYBE EVEN GO HOME?
WHATEVER.
AH YEAH.
IT'S WRITTEN IN THE FILE,
IF IT'S FUKIJU INN THEN MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH.
SO MOKU SENPAI...
Is there any cheaper place than Teito huh?
THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW IF WE DON'T GIVE IT A SHOT.
So what now?
Tamayoshi Fine Art Research Lab
THERE ARE ALSO PAMPHLETS THERE.

DAD,
PLEASE,
grab
SO...

ONE MORE TIME,
LET ME TRY ONE MORE TIME.


In the end, my dad still did not support me, but he let me go.

There is no way to know if we don't give it a shot.
I am living by the money that I have been earning and saving from part time work.
If I don't try drawing it out,
scratch
Each color, each line,
There's no way to know the outcome

Eh?
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK!
HM?

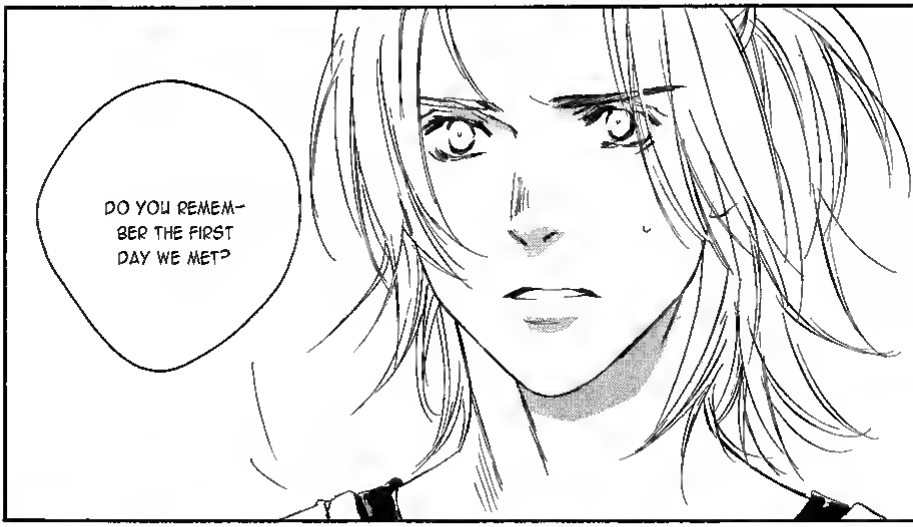
USUALLY HARU WOULD BE LEAVING FIRST.
.....
AH NO, I JUST SAW NATSU LEFT JUST NOW.
SHIBATA, IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
click
Door open.
THAT'S RIGHT.
Fukuji inn
!
creak

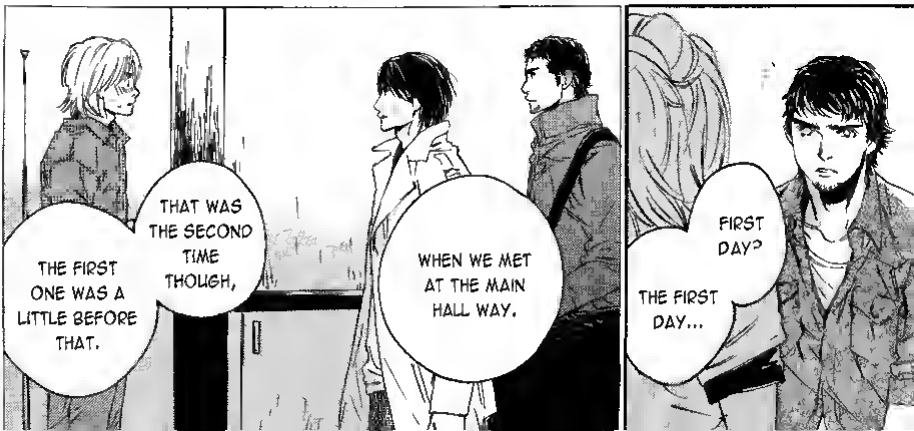
HARU,
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.

ABOUT WHAT...?

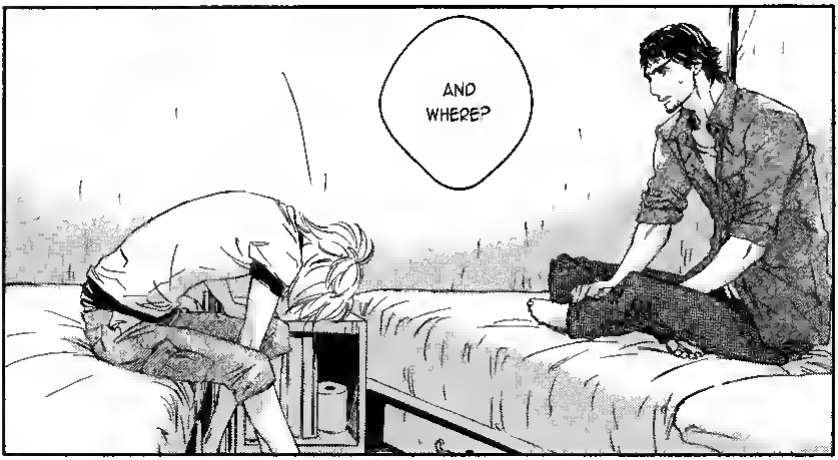
LET'S GO SIT OVER THERE.
Klump

HARU...
grab


DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY WE MET?

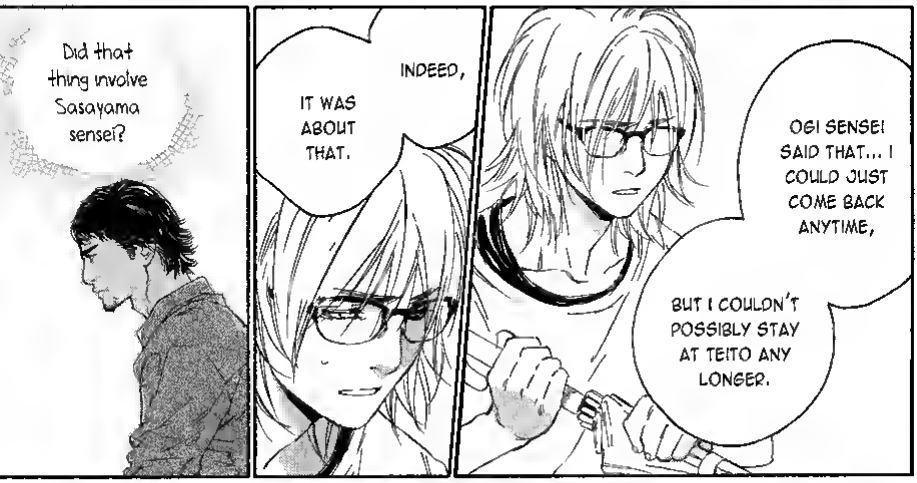

THE FIRST ONE WAS A LITTLE BEFORE THAT.
THAT WAS THE SECOND TIME THOUGH,
WHEN WE MET AT THE MAIN HALL WAY.
FIRST DAY?
THE FIRST DAY...

WHEN...
RESULTS?
IT CAN'T BE WRONG, IT WAS THE DAY G UNIVERSITY RELEASED THE RESULTS.


AND WHERE?

STILL CAN'T RECALL?
Teito?
テート
AT THAT TIME I...
AH...

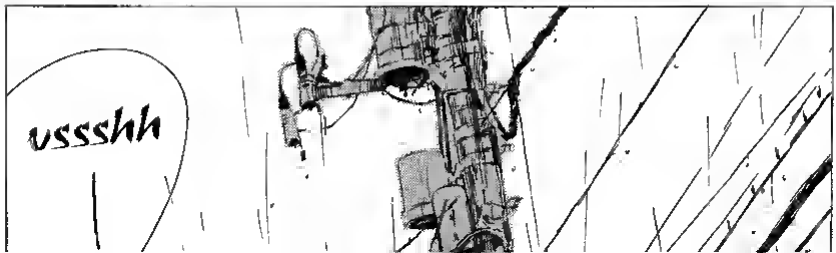
DIDN'T PASS,
AND HADN'T MADE A DECISION ON WHAT TO DO APRIL ONWARDS... AS IN COULD NOT MAKE A DECISION, TO BE EXACT.


Did that thing involve Sasayama sensei?
INDEED, IT WAS ABOUT THAT.
OGI SENSEI SAID THAT... I COULD JUST COME BACK ANYTIME,
BUT I COULDN'T POSSIBLY STAY AT TEITO ANY LONGER.

I WAS PLANNING TO JUST GO BACK HOME AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
I HAD ALL THE DRAWING TOOLS IN MY HANDS AND IT JUST SUDDENLY STARTED RAINING CATS AND DOGS ON MY WAY BACK.
I GOT COMPLETELY SOAKED.
THERE WAS A NOTICE ABOUT CLEANING UP PERSONAL STUFF FROM THE LOCKER SO I CAME

AND THEN,
BUT THEN FOR SOME REASON I WAS STANDING UNDER THE ROOF OF A CONVENIENCE STORE.

I MET HARU.


vssshh

Is he from Teito?
Or highschool 3rd year? 2nd year?
HEY.
YOU DON'T HAVE AN UMBRELLA WITH YOU?
nod
.....

USE THIS.
I BORROWED THIS FROM TEITO SO YOU CAN JUST HELP ME RETURN IT.
CAN'T...
HUH?
I CAN'T RETURN IT
WHY?

I...
I DON'T GO THERE ANY-MORE.
YOU DONE WITH HIGHSCHOOL?

I CAN'T DRAW ANY-MORE...
WHAT ABOUT FO-CUSING ON STUDY AND RETAKING THE EXAM NEXT YEAR?

THAT... THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW IF YOU DON'T GIVE IT A SHOT.

JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THESE, FOR REFERENCE.
rustle
HERE.
THERE ARE PLACES OTHER THAN TEITO RIGHT?
WHAT TO DO FROM NOW ON,
IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU.

THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE TO KEEP ON DRAWING.
HENGEN SAN TOO.
HARU SAID THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW IF I DON'T GIVE IT A SHOT.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO HARU FOR HELPING ME.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE FILES THAT HARU GAVE ME THAT I COULD MAKE IT HERE TODAY.

THAT'S WHY...
IT'S THE SECOND TIME.
AT THAT TIME AND EVEN NOW BOTH THANKS TO HARU...
I'VE BEEN SAVED BY HARU FOR THE SECOND TIME.
SO, HARU,
NO... ACTUALLY I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE WHEN I HAVEN'T TRIED BUT...
SO I WON'T FAIL, DEFINITELY WON'T.
ONCE AGAIN I WAS ABLE TO DRAW.

IF YOU DO NOTHING, NOTHING WILL CHANGE.
BUT...
SO...
WELL...
YOU'D BETTER AT LEAST LISTEN TO NATSU'S EXPLANATION, RIGHT?
NATSU'S EXPLANATION.
THERE IS A REASON.

I...
HARU...

I LIKE...
boop

EH?
giggle
giggle

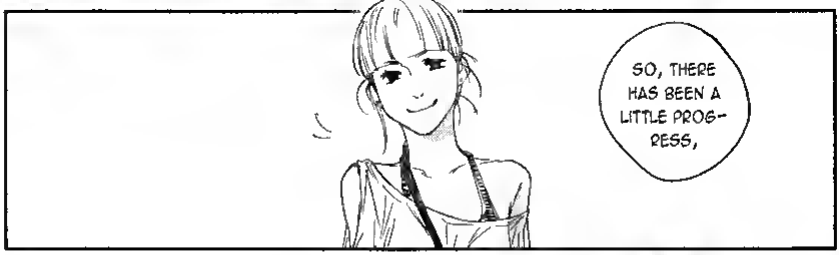
REALLY... IS THAT REALLY WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?
giggle
HARU...?
YOU SAID IT'S ALL THANKS TO ME, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT... BUT I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND.

Damn it
EH?

WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
bam
!!
IT HURTS...
JUMP ON OTHERS LIKE THAT YOU STUPID!
Punch
HURTS!
DON'T JUST ALL OF A SUDDEN...

SO-
SORRY...
grab
WH-WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?
CONVE-
NIENCE
STORE.

YOU WANNA COME?



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